

Bulletin

OB Number # 10-03**Date: 3/2/2010****RECOGNITION****Officer of the Month – February 2010**

On 01/28/2010, a burglary occurred in the 8900 block of Harding Ave. The door was pried open and jewelry, purses, and cash were stolen. The Miami Beach Police Department Crime Scene Investigation Unit processed the crime scene and a latent fingerprint was obtained from the point of entry of the burglary. A positive identification was made on the fingerprint to a dangerous suspect. Detectives Joseph Matthews and Frank Colonna located and interviewed associates of the suspect in attempts to track him.

On 02/05/10, Detectives Joe Matthews and Frank Colonna located the suspect at a girlfriend's apartment in Miami Beach. The detectives recovered most of the stolen property from the burglary inside the apartment as well as stolen property from other crimes committed outside Surfside. The subject who had previous arrests for aggravated assault and battery, kidnapping, sexual battery, grand theft auto, and resisting arrest was taken into custody with the assistance of Miami Beach Police. The detectives continued their investigation and recovered additional stolen property at a pawn shop in Hialeah.

On 02/12/10 Detective Colonna arrested a larceny subject who was at large. On 02/19/10, Detective Matthews arrested a subject who committed several felony credit card frauds. In addition, on 02/16/10, both detectives received commendations for their part in a team effort involving the apprehension of two other burglary subjects. Both Detective Matthews and Detective Colonna deserve recognition for their professionalism, teamwork, and dedication for a job well done.

High Achievers

G. Fernandez	44 traffic citations	17 traffic warnings	7 arrests
	10 reports 1 FIC 2 community events		
J. Matelis	41 traffic citations	28 traffic warnings	
	3 reports	4 community events	
E. Carrasquillo	44 traffic citations	68 traffic warnings	
	2 reports		

Keep up the great work!

CRIME UPDATE**Uniform Crime Reports**

The 2009 UCRs have been completed. Surfside experienced an increase in Part 1 Crimes from 170 to 202. Violent Crimes decreased from 34 to 27 while Property Crimes increased from 136 to 175. We had decreases in Sex Offenses, Robbery, Aggravated Assault/ Battery, and Auto Theft. Our increases were Burglary and Larceny (shoplifting, bicycles, and from motor vehicles).

Burglary Crime Trend

The last burglary committed was on February 26. On February 27, a task force was implemented to combat this problem. Sgt. Patrick McKenna, Detectives Matthews and Torres, and Officers Matelis and Pedre are assigned on a full time basis. Miami Beach PD, Bal Harbour PD, Sunny Isles Beach PD, and Bay Harbor Islands PD have also assigned officers to the Surfside task force. Other Surfside officers will participate part-time. So far, results include arrests for loitering and prowling, narcotics, and warrants. On March 1, SPD hosted a burglary briefing with detectives from Miami Beach PD, Miami-Dade PD, Bal Harbour PD, Bay Harbor Islands PD, North Miami PD, and Sunny Isles Beach PD. Generally, all agencies have seen an increase in crime and burglaries. Sgt. Arch is responsible to follow up on any investigative leads from the briefing.

ADMINISTRATION**Calls for Service** – Asst. Chief Di Censo

Effective immediately the following procedures will take place when a call for service is received in dispatch during roll call. We are implementing these procedures in order to ensure a timely response to calls and to alert officers via the radio who have just taken an “06” or may be working off-duty as well as officers from neighboring jurisdictions. Our goal is to “PROVIDE THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF POLICE SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY WE SERVE IN A PROFESSIONAL, COURTEOUS, ETHICAL AND JUDICIOUS MANNER”. We need to work together to achieve this goal.

- Dispatchers will put the call out on the radio
- Officers are to monitor their radio during roll call
- If there is no response the dispatcher will notify the on duty supervisor via telephone
- Supervisors will assign a unit to respond to the call immediately
- Calls will not be held
- Roll calls are to be brief and officers are to be “09” ASAP
- On an experimental basis supervisors will assign a late car (8A-8P and 8P-8A) each day. The late car is to be “09” on the road available for calls and not in the station.

Click It or Ticket Campaign – Sgt. Jose Valino

The Click It or Ticket traffic wave is March 1-15. The traffic survey was completed that was required by FDOT on 96 St. & Collins Ave/ 91 St. & Harding Ave & 88 St. & Collins Avenue. Statistics should be sent to Sgt. Valino.

Traffic Subpoenas – Asst. Chief Di Censo

When an officer receives a subpoena for traffic court on his/her day off they are to call the number on the subpoena and advise them to reschedule the court date on his/her workday. If there are any problems with the clerk’s office please notify your supervisor.

Town Property Damage – Sgt. Richard Williams

Officers investigating any calls regarding damage to Town property will use the appropriate forms; Florida DHSMV Accident Report or Offense Incident Report. The investigating officer is responsible to notify the on duty supervisor, and all reports must be turned in before the officer completes his shift for that tour of duty. A copy of any related reports and photographs shall be forwarded to the Chiefs office.

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New Shift Bid - Sgt. Richard Williams

We will begin the shift bid process today and it will take effect Monday, April 5, 2010. I will be contacting each officer in order of their seniority to bid for shift assignment. Supervisors will bid first. Available positions will be posted on a dry erase board in my office.

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act – Sgt. Williams

FSS 562.111 identifies a person under the age of 21 found in possession of an alcoholic beverage is a misdemeanor. However, because there are only three years in which an adult can be charged with this, the JJDP Act and the OJJDP have identified this as a status offense. What does this mean for you? It means that a person charged under FSS 562.111 cannot be held securely within our agency. Secure detention under the JJDP Act means the use of constructional or mechanical means to prevent movement. In other words, you cannot lock them in a cell, interview room or handcuff them to a stationary object. It does not mean that an officer cannot prevent them from leaving or that they cannot be handcuffed to themselves.

MARCH TRAINING

FDLE Leadership Academy

Sergeants Rory Alberto, Pat McKenna and Richard Williams have been accepted into the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Leadership Academy. This is a four week course beginning in March that will meet one week a month for four months. The goal of the academy is to develop effective and future leaders in law enforcement. Congratulations!

National Hurricane Conference – Asst. Chief Di Censo

Advanced Law Enforcement Dispatch – Dispatcher T. Washington

Speed Measurement – Ofc. M. Moreno

Firearms – Det. F. Colonna

FBI Law Enforcement Officers Killed – Sgt. Williams

Commercial Crime Prevention – Ofc. J. Matelis

COMMUNITY/ CRIME PREVENTION EVENTS

SAFE Class

Ofc. Jay Matelis and Dina Goldstein are thanked for hosting a SAFE crime awareness class for Surfside women on February 23.

South Florida Crime Prevention Officers Conference

SPD and Ofc. Matelis hosted the Crime Prevention conference on February 25.

96 Street Park

The Storybook Festival is March 6 11:00am-2:00pm. An officer will be assigned to monitor. Supervisors should also continue to assign an officer Friday afternoons to the park.

7th Citizens Police Academy

The 7th CPA begins March 11 and runs to May 20. Det. Frank Colonna will coordinate the CPA. If you are interested in participating, contact Det. Colonna.

Surfside Arts Festival

The Arts Festival is March 13 and 14. Sgt. McKenna will oversee the event. The Shul and Post Office parking lots will be closed and 95 Street between Collins and Harding Avenue will be barricaded. SPD and the State Attorneys' Office will staff a crime prevention table at the event for free fingerprinting for children.

Town Hall Meeting

Miami-Dade judges have requested a police officer to be present at the Town Hall meeting on March 13 from 10a-12p. Sgt. Valino will assign an officer.

Church by the Sea Hunger Walk

The Hunger Walk through Surfside is March 14 at 2pm. Sgt. Valino will assign an officer to assist with traffic.

SURFSIDE

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Surfside Elections

The Surfside elections are March 16. Election workers will set up at 5:30am. An officer will be available to allow access. The Town Hall parking lot will be closed to employees and for voters only.

North Shore Democrat Club

The Chief's Office will conduct a presentation at this event on March 18.

Third Thursday

The Third Thursday event is March 18, 6pm-9pm. A police officer and parking officer will be assigned to block off 95 Street.

Kiwanis Club Golf Tournament

The charity golf tournament is March 20 at 8:00am at Haulover Park. Anyone interested in participating should contact me.

Identity Theft Class

The Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office and Dina Goldstein will host an Identity Theft Prevention class on April 6 for residents and Town employees.